

# What is EvaluATE Doing Especially Well?

April 2016 (see separate snapshot for “What does EvaluATE need to improve?”)

On the EvaluATE external evaluation survey, responders were asked, *What is EvaluATE doing especially well?* Of the 232 respondents from the ATE community, 104 (45%) answered this question. These responses were analyzed for content and categorized. The top five categories were **resource materials, webinars and workshops, outreach, building (evaluation) awareness, and being responsive**. Sample comments are provided below (edited slightly for space). For a more complete description of the results, visit <http://www.evalu-ate.org/about/evaluation/>.

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<p><b>Resource Materials</b> 30%</p>	<p><i>“The resource sheets on the website were amazing when it came to trying to interpret NSF’s language about what evaluation is and which parts of my application needed to address evaluation.”</i></p> <p><i>“The website offers a lot of excellent resources for the novice evaluator. There are many handouts (e.g., ones on reporting) which contain great tips applicable to any sort of evaluation.”</i></p> <p><i>“Being the go-to resource center for evaluation questions for the ATE community.”</i></p> <p><i>“Providing great tools and resources.”</i></p> <p><i>“Providing resources to schools and organizations that need guidance in the evaluation process.”</i></p> <p><i>“I really like the redesign of the web site – very easy to find things and [a] good looking clean design.”</i></p>
<p><b>Webinars &amp; Workshops</b> 23%</p>	<p><i>“I love the webinars! It’s great that they offer multiple sessions so that we are able to coordinate our team’s schedules... It’s so nice to know that EvaluATE is there when you need them.”</i></p> <p><i>“I think the webinars are effective and quite thorough. And I like that there is persistence and consistency to EvaluATE - there’s always another webinar invitation arriving in my in-box.”</i></p> <p><i>“The webinars are very useful. I appreciate that presenters are typically well-informed and have up-to-date knowledge on ATE in general.”</i></p> <p><i>“The workshops are great! I look forward to the PI conference each year and to the workshops that EvaluATE offers.”</i></p>
<p><b>Outreach</b> 10%</p>	<p><i>“Persistently reaching out even though I’m not seeking info.”</i></p> <p><i>“Frequent communication.”</i></p> <p><i>“Outreach to projects.”</i></p>
<p><b>Building Awareness</b> 9%</p>	<p><i>“... very effective at making evaluation purpose and methodology understandable from a layperson perspective.”</i></p> <p><i>“Offering opportunities for folks to learn more about how to do evaluation and use it for project improvement.”</i></p>
<p><b>Being Responsive</b> 6%</p>	<p><i>“Providing personal feedback to questions.”</i></p> <p><i>“They are always very responsive to questions or requests for help.”</i></p>